

MARCH 15, 2004

NOTICE

There will be a meeting of the **Legislation & Intergovernmental Relations Committee** of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County on **Tuesday, March 23, 2004** at the hour of **9:00 AM** in the Board Room, Room 569, County Building, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois to consider the following:

262776 COOK COUNTY CLERK, David Orr, by Gary M. Ryczyn, Director of Elections, transmitting a Communication:

requesting authorization for the Purchasing Agent to enter into a contract with **MICHAEL KRELOFF**, Northfield, Illinois, for professional services.

Reason: Mr. Kreloff will act as a consultant to the office of the Clerk in respect to initiatives in the Illinois Legislature and report on other introduced legislation at all governmental levels that impacts on the County Clerk's Office. Mr. Kreloff will advise the Clerk on implementation of procedural changes necessary to comply with new federal and state laws. Mr. Kreloff will serve as a liaison with the Cook County Board of Commissioners and the Cook County lobbyists on legislative matters. Mr. Kreloff will advise and assist on intergovernmental activities and projects.

New federal and state laws require implementation of provisional voting and a state wide voter registration file for 2004 all as a run-up to substantial reinventing of Illinois election procedures in 2005 and 2006.

The office will handle a continuing need for efforts to secure maximum financial support from the State of Illinois election fund and to enact laws ensuring appropriate administration of Cook County elections.

Mr. Kreloff has over thirty (30) years of experience in election law in Illinois. Mr. Kreloff supervised the Election Law Unit for the Cook County State's Attorney's Office and served as attorney to the County Officers Electoral Board. Mr. Kreloff has litigated on behalf of clients from both major political parties before numerous electoral boards, circuit courts, and courts of review. Mr. Kreloff has experience in the Illinois legislative process through advocacy on behalf of the Cook County State's Attorney's Office, the Illinois Attorney General's Office, the Cook County Judicial Advisory Council, and the Cook County Clerk's Office.

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$45,000.00. Contract period: January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2004. (524-260 Account). Requisition No. 45240014.

***Referred to the Committee on Legislation * Intergovernmental Relations on 12/02/03**

264382 COOK COUNTY SHERIFF'S MERIT BOARD, (REAPPOINTMENT). Transmitting a Communication, dated February 19, 2004 from Michael F. Sheahan, Sheriff of Cook County:

Please be advised that I wish to reappoint Mr. **ROBERT F. HOGAN** to serve as a member of the Cook County Sheriff's Merit Board effective immediately. Mr. Hogan's term will expire on the third Monday in February, 2010.

Pursuant to Chapter 55ILCS5/3-7002, I hereby request the advice and consent of the Board of Commissioners relative to the appointment of Mr. Hogan.

***Referred to the Committee on Legislation * Intergovernmental Relations on 03/09/04**

264401 RECORDER OF DEEDS, Eugene "Gene" Moore, transmitting a Communication:

requesting authorization for the Purchasing Agent to enter into a contract with **FLETCHER, TOPOL, O'BRIEN AND KASPER, P.C.**, Chicago, Illinois, for consulting services and lobbyist strategies.

Reason: Fletcher, Topol, O'Brien & Kasper, P.C. will provide the Recorder of Deeds' office with legislative consulting services and lobbyist strategies, including a weekly written report to the Recorder of Deeds as to the existence and status of all legislation.

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$55,000.00. Contract period: January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2004. (527-260 Account). Requisition No. 45270003.

NOTE: This item was deferred at the January 22, 2004 Board Meeting.

***Referred to the Committee on Legislation * Intergovernmental Relations on 03/09.04**

264410 A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE HOUSE BILL 4100, THE RENTAL HOUSING SUPPORT PROGRAM (PROPOSED RESOLUTION). Transmitting a Communication sponsored by Larry Suffredin, Cook County Commissioner; Co-Sponsored by Roberto Maldonado, Cook County Commissioner.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE HOUSE BILL 4100, THE RENTAL HOUSING SUPPORT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Cook County is committed to respect the human rights of all people, including the right to adequate housing for all; and

WHEREAS, an affordable housing crisis exists in Cook County as evidenced by the fact that there are 191,260 households in Cook County earning less than 30% of area median (\$22,500 for a family of four) who are rent burdened, meaning they pay more than 35% of their income for rent; and

WHEREAS, 7,280 households are on Cook County Housing Authority waiting lists for public housing and housing choice vouchers; and

WHEREAS, HUD's fair market rent for a 2-bedroom apartment in Cook County is \$951.00; and a household in Cook County earning 30% of area median income can only afford to pay \$515.00 a month for rent; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 4100, the Rental Housing Support Program, which is currently pending in the Illinois General Assembly, would alleviate the affordable housing crisis in Cook County by creating a rental subsidy program for households earning less than 30% of area median income funded by a new \$10.00 state surcharge for the recordation of any real estate related document and such surcharge would be evidenced upon collection by a state seal from the Illinois Department of Revenue; and

WHEREAS, the program created by HB 4100 is modeled after a very successful program in Chicago, the Chicago Low-Income Housing Trust Fund and the Trust Fund has been in existence for over ten years and currently subsidizes over 2,000 units of housing in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, the passage of HB 4100 would result in an estimated \$14 million to be allocated to Chicago and Cook County housing agencies to provide rental subsidies; and

WHEREAS, the passage of HB 4100 would result in at least 1,600 new units of affordable housing in Cook County; and

WHEREAS, HB 4100, would create a new \$10.00 state surcharge on real estate recordings to fund the Rental Housing Support Program, with Cook County to receive \$1.00 for every affected filing generating an estimated \$1.2 million to go directly to the County's general revenue fund to cover the County's costs for collecting the fee created by the bill; and

WHEREAS, all of the funds generated in Cook County through the collection of the surcharge will go to serve low income households in Cook County; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Richard M. Daley and the City of Chicago are in support of HB 4100 and urge the passage of the measure.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners that the Board does hereby declare its support for House Bill 4100 and urges the members of the Illinois General Assembly to pass House Bill 4100, and in sequence, to urge the Governor to sign the measure into law.

***Referred to the Committee on Legislation * Intergovernmental Relations on 3/09/04**

Michelle Harris, Secretary

Chairman: Suffredin
Vice-Chairman: Silvestri
Members: Claypool, Collins, Daley, Gorman, Murphy, Peraica, Sims